



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1756**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Katsunori KAWANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Application No.: 09/708,498

Examiner: M. Angebranndt

Filed: November 9, 2000

Docket No.: 100390.01

For: OPTICAL STORAGE MEDIUM, OPTICAL STORAGE METHOD, OPTICAL STORAGE APPARATUS, OPTICAL READING METHOD, OPTICAL READING APPARATUS, OPTICAL RETRIEVING METHOD AND OPTICAL RETRIEVING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the July 18, 2003 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

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Claims 1-7 are pending in this application.

I. Rejections Under §103(a)

A. Claims 1, 2 and 7

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP-A 03-075789, in view of JP-A 03-149660 and Ono (JP 09-269719). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that neither JP-A 03-075789 nor JP-A 03-149660 discloses or suggests optical storage media comprising a polarization-sensitive member having a photo-